by Sahkari Sakhar Karkhanas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI. TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b): No, Sir,

Targets Fixed by FCI for Procurement of Foodgrains

16. SHRI K.V. THANGA BALU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise targets fixes by Food Corporation of India for 1991-92 regarding procurement of food-grains; and

(b) how it compares with the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI. TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Since procurement of food-grains (wheat, paddy and coarsegrains) under price support operations by Food Corporation of India(FCI) is totally voluntary, and collection of levy-rice under statutory orders from millers/traders is based on a percentage of the quantum of production to be made during a marketing season, it is not practicable to fix any targets for procurement of food-grains by FCI. During 1991-92 rabi marketing season, a total quantity of 77.51 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured for Central Pool till 15th November, 1991 as against 117.23 \lakh tonnes of wheat procured during the corresponding period in previous rabi marketing season. During kharif marketing season 1991-92, a total quantity of 32.45 lakh tonnes of rice(including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured for Central Pool till 15th November, 1991 as against 39.62 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) procured during the corresponding period of 1990-91. Rice procurement excludes 0.83 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) procured by Tamil Nadu Government, which does not contribute to the Central Pool.

Drinking Water Problem in Maharashtra

17. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has demanded any financial assistance from the Union Government for solving the drinking water problem;

(b) the number of villages in Maharashtra where drinking water is yet to be made available ; and

(c) the extent of financial assistance to be given this year for the supply of drinking water in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 52 No Source problem villages are yet to be provided with safe drinking water facilities as on 1.10.1991. All other villages have been covered fully or partially with safe drinking water facilities.

(c) Assistance of Rs.33.90 crores has been allocated for 1991-92 for Maharashtra under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Out of this Rs.28.80 crores have already been released. In addition Rs.71.76 lakhs for Latur district and Rs.15.67 lakhs for Satara district have been allocated for assistance during 1991-92. Assistance of Rs.4 crores is also likely to be given for drinking water supply in 2000 Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe habitations.

Supply of Alcohol to Public Sector Units

18. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to provide suffi-